



# SCOTT AFB NEWS

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## **Change base Housing? Here's Your Chance**

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Attention all base housing residents! Have you ever looked at base housing units with poorly designed kitchens, small bedrooms, and minimal storage space and wished you could change it and make it more conducive to military family life today?

At 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Base Theater, you will get your chance to submit suggestions and ideas for planned renovations and new construction of housing on Scott Air Force Base.

Col. Mark Sime, 375th AW vice commander, will host a town hall meeting discussing privatization and addressing concerns of base housing residents who will be impacted when renovations and new construction begins as early as 2005. Afterward, the 375th Civil Engineering Squadron will provide a survey for residents to provide their inputs.

“Base housing residents will have an opportunity to contribute to the process by providing their suggestions on things like added fireplaces, improved sidewalks, increased parking, group picnic areas, improved playgrounds and inclusion of community centers, clubhouses, within the housing communities, said 2nd Lt. David Duncan, 375 CES.

The goal of the privatization project is to provide military families safe, quality, affordable and well-maintained housing faster than with traditional military construction methods, which traditionally takes 25 to 30 years in bringing housing up to standards. With privatization, a private contractor will finance, plan, design and construct improvements, as well as own and operate the rental housing for 50 years. Scott residents will play a critical role in this process.

“The feedback from residents who live in base housing now, are crucial to obtaining the quality of housing that will impact residents from years to come,” said Lieutenant Duncan. “All housing units will be conveyed, many will be renovated or demolished and rebuilt. Therefore, everyone is impacted and as many inputs as possible are needed.”

Residents of all housing units at Scott AFB will be impacted by privatization. Patriots Landing will have 808 units, Shiloh 388 units, Galaxy 87 units, Colonial 97 units and Georgian 50 units conveyed to a private contractor. In addition, up to 400 houses will be built somewhere in the local community.

“Across the Air Force, more than 50 percent of family housing that does not meet modern standards will receive improvement or replacement,” said Colonel Sime. “We are excited about this quality of life initiative at Scott AFB and the opportunity to involve the housing residents in the process of developing the houses. I encourage housing residents to take a couple hours to attend this very important meeting that will impact residents long after they have gone.”

For more information about privatization or the town hall meeting, contact Lieutenant Duncan at 256-3701. To learn more about Housing Privatization access the website address at [https://www.scott.af.mil/375aw/Housing\\_Privatization/index.htm](https://www.scott.af.mil/375aw/Housing_Privatization/index.htm), or use the link on the secure Scott home page.